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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR	)	
PROCESS GAS ENTRAINMENT	)	
AND MIXING IN A KILN SYSTEM	)	
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

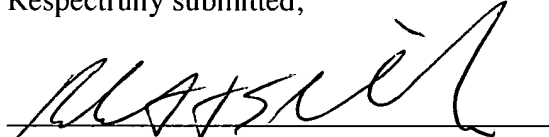
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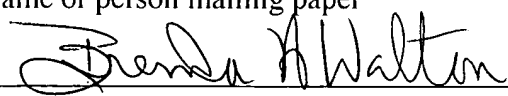
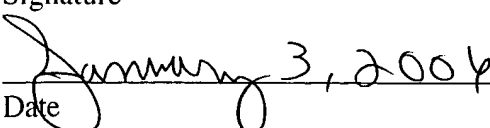
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